

**State Commission on Juvenile Justice
Meeting Minutes**

May 22, 2008, 10:00am – 3:00pm
4241 Williamsborough Drive, Room 206
Sacramento, CA 95823

Commission Members in Attendance

Bernard Warner
Penelope Clarke
Don Meyer
Sue Cline
David Steinhart
Jim Salio
William Arroyo
Javier Stauring
Charlene Reid

Others in Attendance

Chris Murray
Eleanor Silva
Kim Bushard
Jermica Peters
Suzie Cohen
Rachel Rios
Sharon Garcia
Rosalinda Rosales

The meeting was facilitated by Penelope Clarke, Tri-Chair. Ms. Clarke called the meeting to order, and called roll to establish a quorum.

Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2008

The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to adopt the minutes with the corrections pointed out by the members. Ms. Clarke called for all those in favor of the proposed motion. All members were in favor. The motion was adopted.

Resignation of Mr. Walsh

Mr. Warner received a letter of resignation from Hubert Walsh and made a motion to accept his resignation. Ms. Clarke seconded the motion and called for all those in favor of the proposed motion. All members were in favor. The motion was adopted.

Charlene Reid, County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) will be the replacement for Mr. Walsh. Ms. Reid was in attendance and participated in the discussion. Mr. Salio made a motion to include Ms. Reid in the discussion contingent upon receiving a formal notification from CWDA. Ms. Clarke seconded the motion and called for all those in favor of the proposed motion. All members were in favor. The motion was adopted.

Office of the Governor, Gang and Youth Violence

Paul Seave, Policy Director

Mr. Seave was unable to attend the meeting however, he has committed to be at the next meeting in June. Mr. Seave was appointed by the Governor about 5 months ago and is currently in the process of hiring staff and establishing his office. The focus of his office will be around reducing risk factors of youth in the community. Mr. Seave was invited to the meeting to discuss how the Commission can collaborate and coordinate it's efforts with what the Office of Gang and Youth Violence intends to focus on.

Senate Budget Hearing Update

Mr. Warner provided an update of the information discussed at the hearing. There was action to extend the Commission for one more year and reappropriate the funds that were available for consulting fees this year, to next year. This will allow the Commission to extend the work of Christopher Murray and Associates beyond June 30, 2008. The Senate Sub-Committee also voted to approve the requirement of counties to submit an annual plan to address how they are going to provide services to the non-707(b) population.

Mr. Steinhart made a request to look at expenditures of the Commission to date, the amounts available that may be reutilized and a plan for how the resources of the Commission would be stretched over the additional period of time. Mr. Steinhart made a motion to put on June's agenda a discussion of the scope of the Commission if extended, resources, the deployment of staff, a report from DJJ staff on the expenditures to date including amounts available that can be reutilized and options for how it can be reutilized over an additional year. Ms. Clarke seconded the motion and called for all those in favor of the proposed motion. All members were in favor. The motion was adopted.

An outcome list of Senate Sub-Committee actions will be provided to the members for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Warner explained the review process of submitting the Interim Report to the Legislature. The report is in the Governor's Office and has been approved by the Deputy Cabinet Chief of Staff. Mr. Warner apologized for his lack of knowledge of the review process which caused the report to miss the May 1st submission deadline. In the future, the Commission will allow time for this review process.

Changes in County Funding for Juvenile Offenders

Mr. Steinhart provided information on another Senate Sub-Committee Hearing in which the Committee acted to take the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), Probation Camp and Myoker, and other additional funds linked to JJCPA. The Assembly has not taken companion action so this will be a conference committee discussion about whether these juvenile justice grants should be restored. The Senate Sub-Committee is not through working and could go back on this action before it closes. As a result probation services around the state are looking at the threat of lower state funding which will impact their ability to handle the non-707(b) population.

Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan

Chris Murray, Christopher Murray and Associates

Chris made a presentation on the Goals and Guiding Principles he outlined some ideas about goals and guiding principles for a juvenile justice system from a variety of different sources. The following information was presented:

- Goals and Guiding Principles from California Law
- System Goals implied by the Safety and Welfare Code
- Guiding Principles implied by the Safety and Welfare Code
- Other Sources for goals and guiding principles
- National District Attorney Association
- OJJDP – Balanced and Restorative Justice Model
- Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators – Performance Based Standards
- MacArthur Foundation models for Change Initiative
- Florida 2008 Report of the Blueprint Commission
- Washington State Juvenile Justice Act of 1977
- Washington State JRA Core Values
- Recurrent Themes

The members discussed the Recurrent Themes (public safety, youthful offender accountability, developmental differences, youth competency development, family involvement and system accountability), how to handle these issues and to what extent are they important.

Guiding Principles, Evidence Based Practices/Programs, Outcome Measures, Data Driven Systems, Risk & Needs Assessments and other issues such as family accountability, victim's rights and staff training were elaborated on in terms of what the members would like to include in the Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan.

The second part of Chris' presentation was on Opportunities along the Juvenile Justice Continuum. The statistics were taken from the Attorney General's Office Juvenile Justice in California Fallout Chart from 2005, which documents the number of youth going through the system and where they end up.

The members discussed the factors that affect movement of youth along the juvenile justice continuum; laws, policies, local practices, and resources. Recommendations were made as to how these factors can be updated or changed in the Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan.

Chris prepared handouts on the Juvenile Justice Continuum that he proposed to go into the Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan if the members approved. He reviewed each handout and the members gave feedback and recommended changes.

The third part of Chris' presentation was a survey on the components of the Juvenile Justice System to be given to a select number of Chief Probation Officers. The members required more clarification of the services/programs listed in the survey prior to distribution. This survey will be used as a tool to start identifying and coming to a consensus on "best practices" as it relates to the services/programs listed. Chris agreed to modify the survey and will send it out to be returned within a week with their responses.

State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Sandra McBrayer, State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Sandra McBrayer was not available so Kim Brushard, Field Representative from the Corrections Standards Authority provided an update on her behalf. Training from the Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention was provided to the State Advisory Committee. As a result of the training the Committee is working with a consultant to guide the Committee through a strategic planning process.

One of the primary responsibilities for the Committee is participating in the development and review of the State's three year juvenile justice plan. Kim clarified some of the timeframes that were mentioned in the last meeting and focus on opportunities that may be available for the Members to participate. The Committee is currently working on the three year plan due March 2009. The Commission's input would be helpful in preparing this plan. At the Commission meeting in June a Committee member will provide an overview of what is in the current three year plan and talk about what is anticipated for the next three year plan.

SB81 / AB191 Implementation Update

Rachel Rios, Intake and Court Services

Rachel provided some data on the non-707(b) population within DJJ Facilities and on DJJ Parole and their anticipated release dates. She also gave an update on the number of youth that were released from DJJ since September 2007, and how they were released. Information was provided on the outcomes of youth that have been sent back to the county to date. A comparison of commitments from 2007 to 2008 was looked at the try to identify any trends that might have occurred as a result of SB81/AB191.

Closing Remarks

All Commission members agreed to hold the next meeting on June 26, 2008, at the Division of Juvenile Justice Headquarters, Room 206, in Sacramento. The facilitator of the next meeting will be Tri-chair, Don Meyer. Topics for the next meeting will include: the extension of the Commission (scope, resources, the deployment of staff, expenditures to date, amounts available that can be reutilized, and options for reutilization), presentations from Paul Seave from the Office of the Governor Gang and Youth Violence and Sean Fauston of Assessments.com and a discussion on the Draft of Goals and Guiding Principles, SB81 /AB191 Implementation Update and an update on the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.